

Whereas: Veterans Day was originally celebrated as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, to honor fallen soldiers of the Great War for their sacrifice, and was expanded in 1945 to honor American veterans of all wars; and

**Whereas:** the greatest acknowledgement of our freedom is to honor our Armed Forces Veterans who have sacrificed and in many paid the ultimate price for our freedom; and

*Whereas*: this year we recognize the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921; and

*Whereas:* all residents of our great country owe a debt of gratitude to our veteran sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, who risked all so we may enjoy our inalienable rights as Americans.

**Whereas:** the City of Racine honors the brave men and women who selflessly answered the call to serve, putting their lives on the line to ensure our country remains the land of the free; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby call upon all of our residents to observe:

## November 11, 2021 As Veterans Day

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall this 2nd day of November, 2021.

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	Mayor	